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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. As this application is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patent references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination. A non-provisional application has been filed for each of the listed provisional applications in the first paragraph of the specification - the application serial numbers and filing dates are listed in the attached table and copies of each of the non-provisional applications are provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully Submitted

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APPENDIX

Examiner's Initials	First Inventor	Application No.	Filing Date	Enclosure
	HAMELIN	60/457,597	3/17/03	Spec. and dwgs. for
		10/705,201	11/12/03	non-prov. Appln.
	HAMELIN	60/454,642	3/17/03	Spec. and dwgs. for
		10/705,200	11/12/03	non-prov. Appln.
	HAMELIN	60/454,641	3/17/03	Spec. and dwgs. for
		10/704,969	11/12/03	non-prov. Appln.
	WALLACE	60/454,644	3/17/03	Spec. and dwgs. for
		10/705,397	11/12/03	non-prov. Appln.

The Examiner's initials indicates he/she has considered the cited application relative to the subject application.

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